

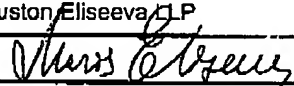
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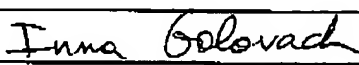
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This is in response to the pending Office Action mailed on October 18, 2005 (Paper No. 20051016). A complete listing of the claims is presented in section a. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth in section b.